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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION TO MIDEAST WAR

1. ON FIRST TWO DAYS OF WAR, LOCAL MEDIA STRESSED THAT FIGHTING WAS RESULT OF "ISRAELI AGGRESSION." EXTENSIVE NEWS REPORTS SINCE THAT TIME HAVE EMPHASIZED SUCCESS OF ARAB ARMIES. SAMPLE HEADLINES: "EGYPTIAN-SYRIAN ADVANCES CONTINUE" (OCT. 8); " EGYPT CONTROLS ENTIRE EAST BANK" (OCT. 9). THE KUWAIT CABINET'S "STERN WARNING AGAINST FOREIGN INTERVENTION" WAS PROMINENTLY PLAYED IN PRESS AND RADIO: " KUWAIT VIEWS THIS BATTLE AS A BATTLE OF ALL ARAB COUNTRIES AND WILL CONSIDER ANY INTERFERENCE BY WORLD POWERS IN THE ARAB COUNTRIES AS AGGRESSION AGAINST KUWAIT."

2. MEDIA COMMENTARY HAS EMPHASIZED FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. ALL ARABS ARE INVOLVED IN THIS "WAR OF LIBERATION:"
TMNS WAR IS PROVING THAT, WHEN THE TIME COMES, ALL DIFFERENCES AND DISPUTES ARE FORGOTTEN, AND THAT ARABS ARE STRONGLY UNITED AND DETERMINED TO SPARE NO EFFORT AND TO MAKE EVERY SACRIFICE FOR THE GREAT NATIONAL CAUSE-- THE LIBERATION OF ALL THE OCCUPIED LANDS. WE WISH TO EMPHASPE THAT THE WAR IS NOT
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ONLY OF EGYPT AND SYRIA AGAINST ISRAEL, BUT OF ALL

ARAB COUNTRIES AGAINST ISRAEL." (RAI AL-AAM AND DAILY NEWS, OCT. 9).

B. THE MYTH OF ISRAELI INVINCIBILITY HAS BEEN DESTROYED; THE ARAB SOLDIER HAS PROVED HIS WORTH; "THE SWIFTNESS AND PRECISION WITH WHICH THE THRUST ACROSS THE SUEZ CANAL AND INTO THE GOLAN HEIGHTS BY EGYPTIAN AND SYRAIN FORCES WAS MADE HAS COMPLETELY DESTROYED THE MYTH OF ISRAEL'S MILITARY SUPREMACY OF THE ARAB ARMED FORCES." (KUWAIT TIMES, OCT. 9). "THE BATTLE IS PROVING THAT THE MODERN ARAB SOLDIER DOES NOT DIFFER FROM THE OLD ARAB FIGHTER IN ANY RESPECT. THE MODERN SOLDIER IS JUST AS COURAGEOUS, WISE AND INTELLIGENT." (RAI AL-AAM AND DAILY NEWS, OCT. 9).

C. THE AMERICAN CALL FOR A SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING IS A TRICK TO "INSURE ISRAELI AGGRESSION IS PERPETUITY." (KUWAIT TIMES, OCT. 1).

D. NO INTERFERENCE FROM THE U.S. WILL BE TOLERATED: "TO PREVENT AMERICA INJECTING NEW LIFE INTO THE ISRAELI FORCES, WE SHOULD MAKE IT CLEAR THAT ARABS WILL NOT BROOK ANY INTERFERENCE BY THE UNITED STATES, AND WILL TAKE ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO MAKE AMERICA REGRET HAVING ADOPTED ISRAEL AND NURTURED HER." (RAI AL-AAM AND DAILY NEWS, OCT. 9).

E. U.S. INTERESTS ARE WITH THE ARABS: "WE REITERATE THAT THE INTEREST OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC RESTS IN THE ARAB WORLD AND INTEGRALLY SO, BECAUSE ULTIMATELY WE BUY MORE AND SELL MORE WHICH IS POTENTIALLY MORE BENEFICIAL TO THE UNITED STATES (THAN STRONG U.S.-ISRAELI RELATIONS)." (KUWAIT TIMES, OCT. 9).
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